

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 26, 2025
10:00 AM



The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! This document provides a guide for our time together. You are invited to join in saying the words in **bold**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide. Today one of our hymns is from the green hymnal "Songs for a Gospel People".

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and a Territorial Acknowledgement

 **Opening Hymn - "Morning Has Broken"** CP-3

Celebrant	Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.
All	There is no end of your greatness.
Celebrant	One generation shall praise your works to another
All	and shall declare your power.
Celebrant	All your works praise you,
All	and your faithful servants bless you.
Celebrant	They make known the glory of your reign of justice and peace
All	and speak of your power.
Celebrant	Our mouths shall speak your praise;
All	let all flesh praise your holy name for ever and ever.ⁱ
Celebrant	Almighty God,
All	to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

All O God of salvation, we come to you in joy, for you have heard the prayers of the poor and raised up the lowly. Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike, so that our dreams and visions may bring justice and peace to the world. **Amenⁱⁱ.**

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

 **Gloria - "Glory to God"** CP-702

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Joel 2:23-32 Read by John K

"O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as

Joel has described a plague of locusts which has invaded Palestine, with devastating effect. The Day of the Lord can be like this, but if the people of Judah repent and turn to the Lord, he will spare the country from such a fate.

before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

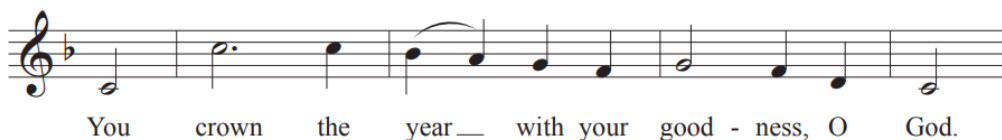
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Thanks be to God!

🎵 Psalm 65ⁱⁱⁱ

Cantors: Andy / Pauline

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: You crown the year with your goodness, O God.

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. **[Refrain]**

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. **[Refrain]**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. **[Refrain]**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **[Refrain]**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. **[Refrain]**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. **[Refrain]**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. **[Refrain]**

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Read by Dawn

Honouring Paul by writing in his name, the author comes to the end of his letter to Timothy, a leader in the church who has become discouraged. He depicts Paul as handing on his ministry to Timothy and to future generations of leaders.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the

Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God!



Gradual Hymn - "Spirit of Gentleness"

Green hymnal SGP-108

The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

The Rev Neil Jongbloed

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke continues to present parables about admission to the kingdom of God. Now Jesus tells an example story to some who took a legalistic approach to being God's people. Many Jews belonged to the party of the Pharisees so they expect the Pharisee – and not a despised tax collector – to be accepted by God.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

All The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

The Venerable Ruth Monette

 Affirmation of Faith “I Believe in God Almighty”

CP-44

Prayers of the People

Led by Elaine

Leader In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

Leader For this community, our country, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Leader For *John* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

All For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord.

All For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

All And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

All Who put their trust in you.

Leader Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A short time of silence follows.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another.



Offertory Hymn: “Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might”

CP-503

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your
Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not
abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets,
sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your
new creation.

Celebrant Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

♪ **Sanctus - “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”** SaNC-213 (music available from Greeters)
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav’n and earth are full of your glory,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.**

Celebrant Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.
Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, “Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks, and said “Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

 The Lord's Prayer

SGP-12

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking the Bread

Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

 Agnus Dei – “Jesus, Lamb of God”

CP-747

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for all God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

CP-509

“Guide My Feet”

CP-513

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. The blessing of this Holy Trinity, One in Three, be upon you this day and always.

All **Amen.**

Sending Hymn - “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

CP-461

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

~ Join us for tea and coffee after the service. ~

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Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Elements of this liturgy without an endnote come from the Book of Alternative Services, (BAS).

The prayer for those not receiving Holy Communion is borrowed from Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster.

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ENDNOTES

ⁱ From *Pray without Ceasing*.

ⁱⁱ Collect is from the *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002) alt.

ⁱⁱⁱ George Black Psalter <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>